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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Docket No.: 1344.1054

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takeshi SAKAMOTO et al.

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Examiner: LI, Shi K.

For: **WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXING OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
AND WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXING OPTICAL COMMUNICATION
METHOD**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2004 and having a period for response set to expire on November 11, 2004.

None of the claims are amended herein. Arguments are presented in response to new comments by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action.

Entry of the following Request for Reconsideration is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance.